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Austin Urban Rail System

Urban Rail Project Connect & Transit Working Group

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Improve the mobility, connectivity, and sustainability of Central Austin

- Provide greater mobility options
- Improve person-moving capacity
- Improve access and linkages to major activity centers and commuter and regional rail
- Support the City's environmental, public health, and planning goals
- Encourage investment and economic development

Urban Rail Details

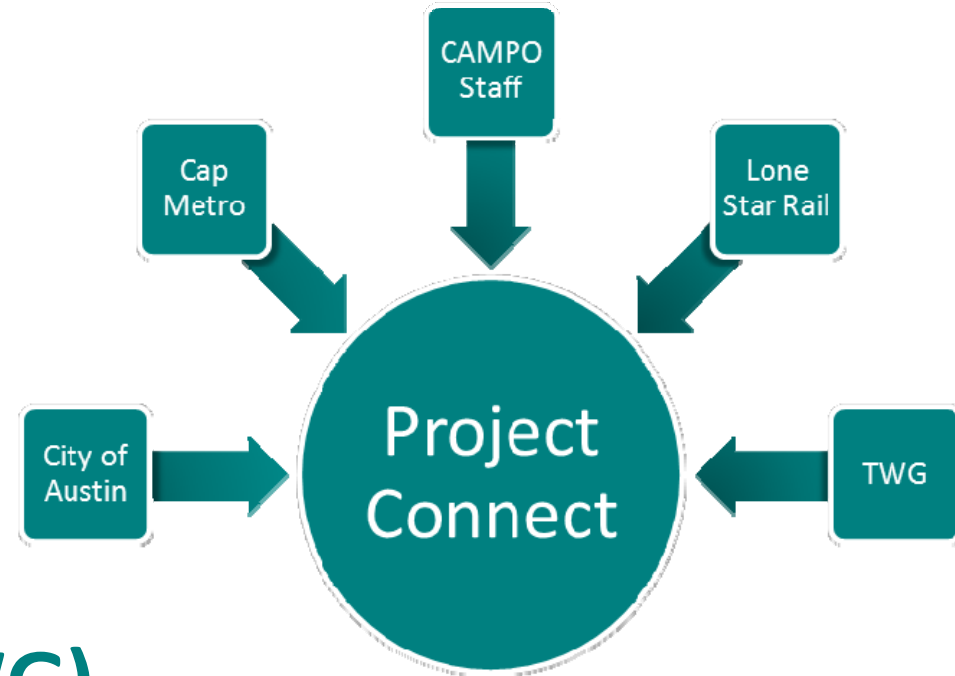
Route:

- 16.5 miles double track
- Electric powered
- In-street shared or dedicated track-way
- 10-15 minute headways




Project Connect

- Regional partnership between CAMPO, Capital Metro, Lone Star Rail, and City of Austin
- Goal: build consensus on regional high-capacity transit and define system, organization, funding



Transit Working Group (TWG)

- CAMPO Committee charged with evaluating and providing input toward a regional high-capacity transit system plan and exploring how its various components work as a system to fulfill the region's transportation and future growth needs



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Regional High-Capacity System

RAIL

Lone Star Rail

- Georgetown to San Antonio

MetroRail

- Red Line to Leander
- Green Line to Manor/Elgin
- Georgetown-Round Rock 'T'

Urban Rail

- Old Airport to New Airport

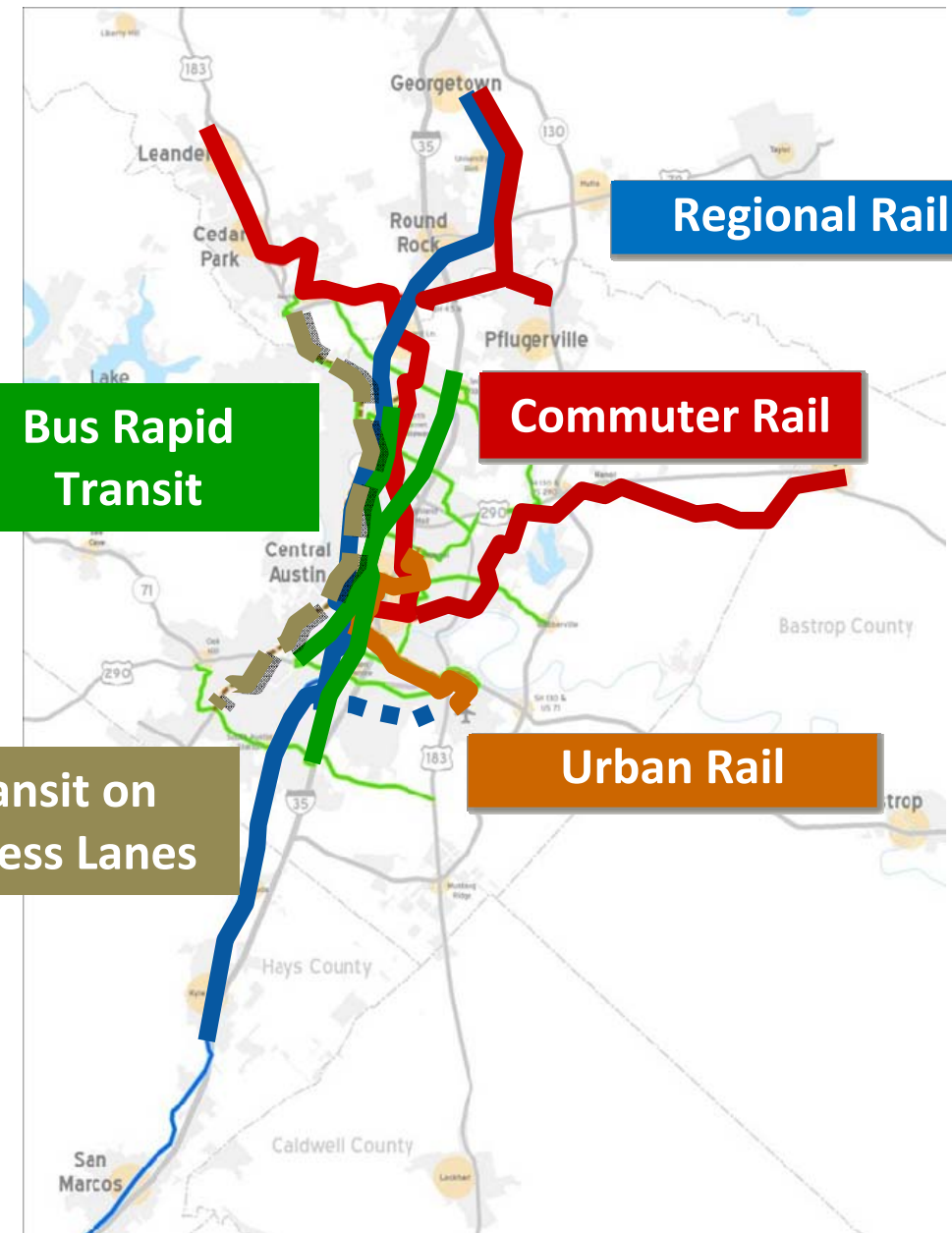
BUS

Bus Rapid Transit

- North Lamar / South Congress
- Burnet / South Lamar

Transit on Express Lanes

- Mopac – Downtown to Parmer



Urban Rail Next Steps:

- Environmental impact statement (EIS)
- Additional conceptual engineering
- First investment criteria defined (2/27 memo)
- Funding plan/options developing

Project Connect & Transit Working Group

- Focus on regional transit priorities, funding and operations
- To examine High Capacity Transit, including Urban Rail in April, how it fits in regional system
- Review funding options/strategies in May
- Recommendations in June





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For More Information On:

Urban Rail Initiative

www.austinstrategicmobility.com

Project Connect

www.connectcentraltexas.com

CAMPO / Transit Working Group

www.campotexas.org